

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A composite fabric article comprising multi-filament, interlaced yarns forming a fabric body of knit construction, the fabric body having an inner surface and an exposed outer surface,

the inner surface having at least one region of raised fibers or fleece formed thereupon,
and

the exposed outer surface having a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material selected from a group consisting of acrylic latex, polyurethane and silicone applied by a single head rotary screen having from about 30 to about 195 holes per lineal inch in a predetermined and repeating pattern in one or more discrete areas on the exposed outer surface corresponding to predetermined regions of the fabric body prone to abrasion and pilling during use, said coating serving to bind individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface, and

the exposed outer surface having one or more other areas adjacent said discrete areas substantially free of the non-continuous coating, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on hand tactile and breathability of the knit construction of the fabric body.

2. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on insulation performance provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

3. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on moisture transmission rate provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

4. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein portions of the outer surface adjacent coating segments within said area of the outer surface are substantially free of coating material.

5. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the one or more other areas are substantially free of coating material.

6. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is disposed in one or more discrete areas of the outer surface and a continuous coating is applied in one or more other areas of the outer surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein said discrete and other areas have contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to abrasion.

8. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein said discrete and other areas have contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to pilling.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 6, wherein said one or more other areas of continuous coating are adjacent said discrete area of non-continuous coating.

11. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating material binds yarn fibers to protect the yarn from fraying to enhance the pilling resistance within said portion of the fabric body.

12. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have relatively higher tenacity than individual yarn fibers.

13. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 12, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have tenacity greater than about 5 grams per denier.

14. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein said yarn fibers comprise polyester.

15. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating segments are in the form of discrete dots.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is reverse plaited circular knit.

18. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is finer than loop yarn.

19. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein loop yarn is at most about 1.5 dpf.

20. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is at least about 1.5 dpf.

21. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is double needle bar warp knit.

22. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 21, wherein pile yarn is at most about 5 dpf.

23. (Withdrawn) The double face fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is non-reverse plaiting circular knit.

24. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 23, wherein stitch yarn is coarser than loop yarn.

25. (Withdrawn) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is Raschel warp knit.

26. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarn at the outer surface further includes an elastomeric material.

27. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the elastomeric material is in the form of spandex added to the yarn at the outer surface in plaited form.

28. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the elastomeric material is in the form of spandex wound about the yarn at the outer surface.

29. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 27, wherein the spandex is added to the yarn at the outer surface in air jet cover.

30. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarns at the outer surface include cored yarns comprising a core and a sheath.

31. (Previously presented) The composite fabric article of claim 30, wherein the core comprises an elastomeric material.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1 in the form of an article of wearing apparel.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said one or more discrete areas correspond to elbow regions.

36. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said one or more discrete areas correspond to a shoulder region.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein about 1.7 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

39-61 (Cancelled).

62. (Currently Amended) A composite fabric article comprising multi-filament, interlaced yarns forming a fabric body of knit construction, the fabric body having an inner surface and an exposed outer surface,

the inner surface having at least one region of raised fibers or fleece formed thereupon,
and

the exposed outer surface having a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material selected from a group consisting of acrylic latex, polyurethane and silicone applied by a single head rotary screen having from about 30 to about 195 holes per lineal inch in a predetermined and repeating pattern in one or more discrete areas on the exposed outer surface ~~in a pattern~~ corresponding to predetermined regions of the fabric body prone to abrasion and pilling during use, said coating serving to bind individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on hand tactile and breathability of the knit construction of the fabric body.

63. (Currently Amended) A composite fabric article comprising:
multi-filament, interlaced yarns forming a fabric body, the fabric body having an inner surface and an exposed outer surface,

the inner surface having at least one region of raised fibers or fleece formed thereupon,
and

the exposed outer surface having a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material ~~of coating material~~ selected from a group consisting of acrylic latex, polyurethane and silicone applied by a single head rotary screen having from about 30 to about

195 holes per lineal inch in a predetermined and repeating pattern in one or more discrete areas on the exposed outer surface ~~in a pattern~~ corresponding to predetermined regions of the fabric body prone to abrasion and pilling during use, said coating serving to bind individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on hand tactile and breathability of the knit construction of the fabric body, and wherein the one or more discrete areas including the non-continuous coating have a pilling resistance of five on a scale from one to five, as measured by ASTM D-3512.